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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF MISHARI BIN ABD AL- AZIZ

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO SEPARATE INQUIRIES REGARDING BONA FIDES AND BACKGROUND OF HRH PRINCE MISHARI BIN ABD AL- AZIZ AL SAUD. LATTER HAS PRESENTED HIMSELF AS CAPABLE OF INFLUENCING AWARD OF CRUDE OIL SUPPLY CONTRACTS BY SAUDI ARABIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM AND MINERALS ORGANIZATION (PETROMIN). IN ORDER APPROPRIATELY ANSWER INQUIRIES, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY COB APRIL 26 ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE ON MISHARI' S ALLEGED INFLUENCE WITH PETROMIN, HIS BUSINESS AND PERSONAL REPUTATION, AND HIS OFFICIAL SAUDI GOVERNMENT/ MILITARY STATUS.

2. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON MISHARI IS SPARSE. HE IS NOTORIOUS AS YOUNG SAUDI PRINCE WHO WHILE DRUNK, SHOT AND KILLED BRITISH VICE CONSUL IN JIDDA IN EARLY 1950' S. CONDEMNED TO DEATH BUT SUBSEQUENTLY REPRIEVED AND EXILED BY HIS FATHER, MISHARI IS BELIEVED TO HAVE IN RECENT YEARS

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ENGAGED IN UNSUCCESSFUL BUSINESS VENTURES IN RIYADH.
HE IS KNOWN TO BE FREQUENT VISITOR TO LONDON AND REGULARLY
STAYS AT ROYAL GARDENS HOTEL, KENSINGTON, WHEN THERE.
DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT PRINCE MISHARI MAY
BE SAME INDIVIDUAL AS ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE CAPTAIN MOSHARI
BIN ABDU AZIZ (SIC) WHO UNDERWENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCT-
ION AT LACKLAND, AFB, TEXAS, OCTOBER 1972 - JANUARY 1973
AND SUBSEQUENTLY ATTENDED WEAPONS CONTROLLER COURSE AT
TINDALL AFB, PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, JANUARY - MARCH 1973
UNDER SPONSORSHIP FMS CASE SR-73- TAR- M.

FOR JIDDA: APRIL 17 WRAMPPELMEIER - HORAN LETTER PROVIDES
FURTHER DETAILS ON BACKGROUND THESE INQUIRIES. LONDON
MEETING WITH MISHARI IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28
BUT PARTICIPANTS PREFER TO DEFER CONFIRMATION PENDING
RECEIPT OF INFO REQUESTED LAST PARAGRAPH THAT LETTER AND
ALSO PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. PORTER

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